

Weekly Video Update, February 22, 2022

Maura Curran, Select Board Member

Superintendent Burkhead will not be joining this update as it's school vacation week. Ms. Curran said there are several meetings this week. Community Preservation Committee meets this Wednesday, 2/23 at 7 PM. Planning Board meets Thursday 2/24 6:30 PM and will continue discussion on zoning articles. Advisory Board Thursday 2/24 at 7 PM.

The Scituate Historical Society is hosting Alec Collyer to talk about the shipwreck of the TW Lawson Ship. Tickets are \$25 per person and you can contact scituatehistoricalsociety.org to attend the dinner and guest speaker.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 16, down from 25 of last week. Numbers continue to drop from week to week. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 55, down from 87 reported last week. We have a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 5.24%, down from 7.85% of last week. Plymouth County is at 6.66%, down from 9.79% of last week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 2.74% down from the previous week of 3.74. So, numbers are trending down across the board.

Governor Baker issued new mask guidance last week. A fully vaccinated individual should wear a mask indoors if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated. This is different from the guidance that was in effect recommending everyone wear a mask when indoors. Some communities still have mask mandates in place, so check before you travel to other communities.

At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense than not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not been vaccinated we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details. The Marshfield Fairgrounds site is still taking appointments and drive-ups for boosters.

Today, the State House is re-opening to the public after two years. You will need proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test.

2. Widows Walk Clubhouse renovation: the flooring installation is now complete. That is the last big item towards completion. We now move onto punch list items. Next week the bids will be in on the concessions and we have had quite a bit of interest.
3. Finally, beach stickers went on sale last week. Non-resident beach stickers were available on-line only this year. The portal opened at 8:30 and all 150 non-resident stickers were

sold out by 8:07-a new record! The 200 non-resident Humarock only stickers were gone in 20 minutes. For comparison, last year took 45 minutes and 1 hour. Resident beach stickers are always available.

4. It is an earlier pot hole season this year with the large amount of snow followed by warm days and cold nights. That's perfect pot hole weather! Crews will be out all week filling potholes and making temporary repairs. Reports of potholes should go to either the highway department (545-8734) or DPW office (545-8732).